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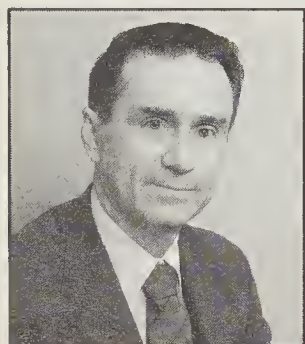


Co-ops chart a common sense course

BY EUGENE CLAYBORNE

Have you noticed how some pictures take on an entirely new look when you step back to get a different perspective on them? A little distance can help you see shapes in the scene that appeared to be meaningless when you examined them up close.

If the picture were a profile of North Carolina, the same principle



Eugene Clayborne

might apply: a little distance can improve your view of the state, even though you make your home inside her borders.

Figures from the 1990 census certainly helped me step back to look at the state with a new perspective. They might work the same way for you.

Here are just a few examples:

- The state's population is now slightly more urban than rural. In 1990, 50.4 percent of the state's residents lived in urban areas. However, the state still ranks 46th in the nation in urban population.

- Median family income rose by almost 90 percent between 1980 and 1990. Census data put the annual income figure at \$34,548.

- Employment rose by 24 percent overall and by 19 percent in rural areas.

- Growth was a respectable 12.7 percent overall, with rural areas growing by 7.5 percent.

When you look at the state from the perspective of these and other census figures, you can see clearly that the Old North State is undergoing a transformation that goes far beyond the mathematics of the raw numbers. The nature of the population is gradually being redefined, with far-reaching implications.

This is particularly important to the state's electric cooperatives, which serve some of North Carolina's fastest growing areas. Indeed, their territories are expected to see greater growth than other areas in the years immediately ahead.

The co-ops have seen electricity emerge as the top choice for home heating. As the number of farms has declined, the co-ops are serving far more residential developments and the commercial facilities that accompany them. They are also attracting their share of new industries.

In addition, the co-ops are serving more two-income households, where the families rely heavily on time-saving appliances and leisure time items such as satellite dishes.

Another change that is seen as a major trend for the future is the growth in the number of families who live in manufactured housing, which usually needs special attention if it's to be energy efficient.

And, across the board, Tar Heel families are generally using far more air conditioning than they have in the past. Co-op studies show that their members' use of air conditioning rose to 78 percent from 68 percent between 1981 and 1991.

Carolina Electric Cooperatives and its member systems comb through census data for signs of trends affecting co-op consumers and their demand for energy. They also use it to adjust their own models for predicting population and load growth in the future.

The census figures are then augmented through ongoing research focused directly on the co-ops' consumers. This involves sophisticated computer models and consumer surveys that can produce a snapshot of existing power use patterns. This data helps the planners take a practical, common sense approach to the task of forecasting power supply needs and offering options for meeting those needs.

In a sense, all these efforts help the co-ops step back to find a realistic perspective on how to serve their members in the most cost effective way. Thus, the co-ops are following a careful plan as they move into the future, confident that they will continue providing reliable service at reasonable prices even as their memberships change and evolve.

Eugene Clayborne is general manager of Carteret-Craven EMC, Morehead City.

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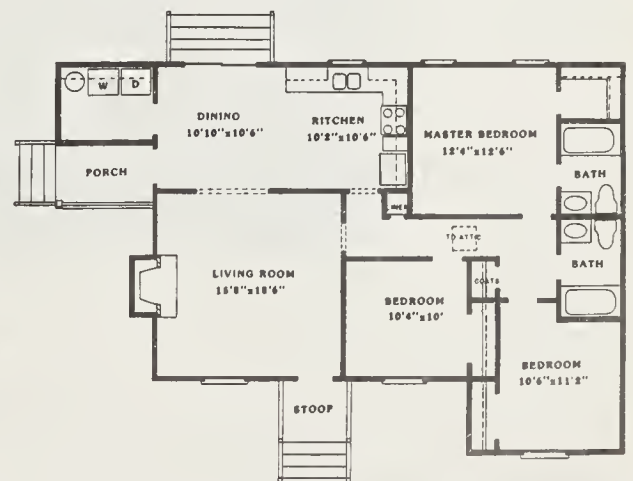
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Rural North Carolina emerged from the 1980s as a land of opportunity, according to U.S. Census reports.

Open spaces, clean air, friendly communities, a comfortable pace and affordable living standards attracted new residents to rural areas and kept the communities economically viable. The trend continued even when the economy turned sluggish in the late 1980s.

According to the census reports, rural North Carolinians saw significant gains in income, education and housing quality between 1980 and 1990.

LOSING THE "RURAL" MAJORITY

For the first time in its history, North Carolina turned urban between 1980 and 1990. The latest census reported 50.4 percent of the population living in urban areas. That amounted to 3.34 million of the state's total 1990 population of 6.63 million. In 1950, only 33.7 percent of the people lived in urban areas.

In a national context, however, North Carolina remains very rural,

FEATURE

CENSUS SHOWS GAINS IN RURAL AREAS

The changing character of the Carolina countryside

BY MICHAEL E.C. GERY

ASSOCIATE EDITOR



North Carolina means country living; only Pennsylvania and Texas have more rural residents.

ranking 46th of the 50 states in urban population.

The federal government defines an urban area as a central city and the surrounding region, generally at a density of at least 1,000 people per square mile. When this scale was applied to the 1990 census, Greenville and Rocky Mount were added to the state's list of "urbanized areas" in North Carolina.

North Carolina's total population rose 12.7 percent in the last 10 years. The urban areas grew 18 percent,

while the rural areas grew by 7.5 percent.

INCOME

As of 1990, the median family income in all of North Carolina was \$31,548, an 88 percent increase in 10 years.

Most of the rural counties—68 of the 75—reported income levels below that median. Four had income levels below \$20,000: Graham, Hyde, Swain and Tyrrell.

But across the state, averages show that poverty has declined in rural counties since 1980. Overall,

there were 21,000 fewer rural people with an income below the poverty level. Meanwhile, the number of people in that income category rose by 11,000 in urban counties.

Billy Ray Hall, president of the North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center in Raleigh, said, "It appears that many rural people are better off than they were 10 years ago—although they've not advanced as fast as people in our cities.

"It is alarming, however, to see that we have tens of thousands of

people who continue to suffer and remain untouched by overall economic improvements.”

EMPLOYMENT

The state's urban areas offered more employment opportunities than did rural areas during the 1980s.

The North Carolina Rural Center measured employment growth across the state by comparing totals of employed persons in 1980 and 1990. Urban areas grew at a rate of 28 percent, while rural counties grew at 19 percent.

Employment growth of less than 5 percent occurred in Anson, Columbus, Greene, Hyde, Lenoir, Martin, Mitchell and Northampton counties.

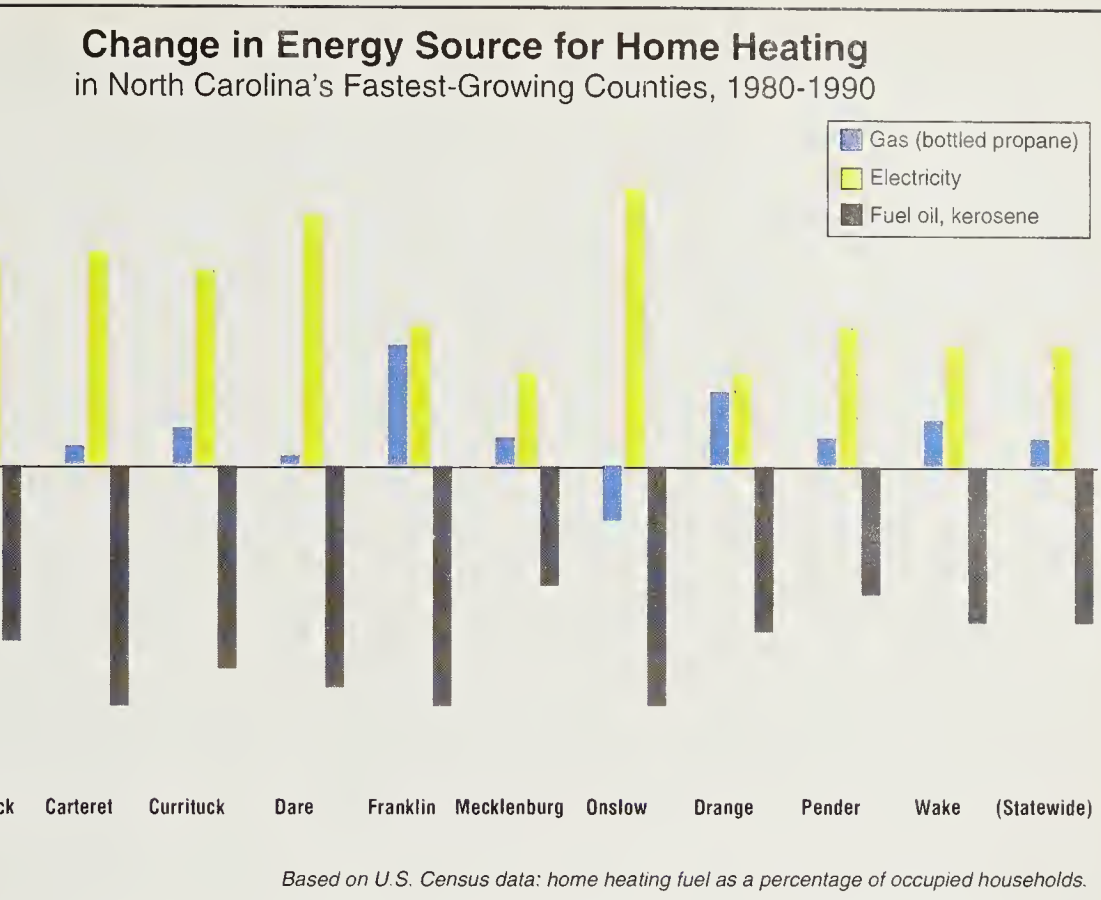
The 1990 state unemployment average was 4.8 percent, considered low in a national context. Of the 75 rural counties, 53 had rates above that in 1990.

THE POWER OF CHOICE: ELECTRICITY

North Carolina turned in a big way to electricity as the choice in home heating fuel during the 1980s. In 1980, electricity had 29 percent of the home heating market. By 1990 that figure had shot up to 42 percent.

Use of natural gas rose from 16 to 18 percent statewide, while use of fuel oil and kerosene plunged from 40 to 23 percent statewide. Use of wood as heating fuel also declined.

As the chart above shows, the switch to electricity was especially noticeable in high-growth rural areas, where population and housing expan-



sion are greatest. (How are these trends affecting the state's electric co-ops? See related story, page 8)

HOUSING

Substandard housing declined dramatically in rural North Carolina during the 1980s. Housing units which the Rural Center considered substandard—overcrowded or without complete plumbing—declined by 45 percent in rural counties. These counties had 55,000 such units in 1990. They made up 5 percent of the total housing units.

Counties reporting more than 10 percent of housing in substandard condition were Bertie, Gates, Halifax, Hyde and Warren.

DISPARITY

The Rural Center pointed out that the census figures show disparities between rural and urban counties—and also among rural counties themselves. The agency expects the disparities to grow.

“It appears that rural counties that benefit from resort settings and are adjacent to urban areas can often match the more metropolitan counties in their rates of growth and development,” according to center officials. “Others, with serious economic and social disadvantages, show little progress and often are in a state of stagnation or decline.”

Dare County on the northeast coast, for example, ranked among the top five North Carolina counties in population growth, employment growth, reduction of poverty, the ratio of high school graduates to the overall population, and reduction of substandard housing. But the adjacent counties of Tyrrell and Hyde ranked low in almost all those categories.

The rural coastal counties of Brunswick, Carteret, Currituck and Pender also showed significant growth in social and economic categories since 1980.

Cooperative Power For Expanding Rural Communities

As rural North Carolina changes, so does the institution which introduced the modern era to many rural areas—the member-owned electric cooperatives.

Two decades ago, most of the state's 28 electric cooperatives served strictly rural families, farms and related enterprises. Today, the co-ops are seeing membership grow into a mix of rural and suburban communities, and with that has come the accompanying changes in service requirements and consumer expectations.

Since 1980, five of the 28 co-ops experienced more than 50 percent growth in membership. They are listed in the table to the right.

The growth of the top three reflect the population growth of the coastal region, while the fourth and fifth reflect the expansion of urban areas near interstate highways. Close behind the top five co-ops in membership growth were Union EMC, Monroe; Crescent EMC, Statesville; and Piedmont EMC, Hillsborough.

Switch to Electricity

A companion trend to population growth in North Carolina is a switch to electricity as the home energy choice.

In 1991, 44 percent of households in the 28 EMC service areas used electricity as their main source of heat, compared to 24 percent in 1981. These figures come from surveys conducted in those years for Carolina Electric Cooperatives, the network of electric cooperatives.

Likewise, use of natural gas in the

co-op service areas rose to 5 percent from 3 percent in the 10-year period, while propane went to 17 percent from 10 percent, fuel oil to 14 percent from 33 percent, and firewood to 11 percent from 27 percent.

The use of air conditioners in EMC households rose to 88 percent from 68 percent between 1981 and 1991.

Fastest Growing Co-ops Since 1980

• Cape Hatteras EMC, Buxton	70.6%
• Carteret-Craven EMC, Morehead City	56.50%
• Brunswick EMC, Shallotte	55.5%
• Wake EMC, Wake Forest	52.5%
• Lumbee River EMC, Red Springs	50.3%

What Does It Mean?

Mike Chevalier, a forecast analyst in the Carolina Electric Cooperatives' Raleigh offices, said demographic changes have brought significant changes in usage patterns and service expectations among the co-ops' 1.6 million consumer-members.

"We are seeing farms being replaced by residential developments in many of our territories," Chevalier said. "And the residential developments bring in commercial enterprises—the shopping centers, restaurants and offices."

As a result, over the past five years, the electric utility industry has seen a "backfilling" effect, involving a steady improvement of housing and services surrounding the earlier surge in population and economic growth, he said. Chevalier expects those improvements to continue in most of the EMC territories in response to the rural areas' attractiveness to developers.

As rural housing stock improves,

builders and retrofitters are choosing energy-efficient construction methods. More often than not, they choose electricity as the energy source.

Another characteristic of the emerging rural population is low awareness of electric cooperatives.

Chevalier said young householders generally do not know about the cooperatives' formative years 50 years ago, and most people moving to the state from northern states have had no experience with member-owned electric cooperatives. The co-ops are moving to remedy this through a coordinated public education and information program.

What's Down The Road?

The co-ops' power supply planners expect continued steady growth in some co-op territories but they're not predicting an economic boom in these areas, Chevalier said. Instead, they are taking "a practical, common sense approach" to growth forecasts, based on a slowdown in deficit spending among consumers, gradual growth of the service industry, and tightening of government's environmental and development regulations.

Chevalier stresses that North Carolina remains a very rural state with considerable socio-economic needs.

Carolina Electric Cooperatives serves an average of eight consumers per mile of electric distribution line. The state's investor-owned utilities, by contrast, serve three times that many consumers per mile of line.

Chevalier added: "We will be *the* electric utility for rural North Carolina for a long time, even though both the rural areas and the co-ops' identities may change."

COVER: HOLIDAY SEASON
PAINTING BY DEMPSEY ESSICK
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Dempsey Essick's painting "Handmade" adds a touch of the holiday season to our cover this month.

The Davidson County artist did the painting in 1991 for use on the official Christmas card of the American Children's Home in Lexington. Essick has provided original art for the home's Christmas cards for the past three years.

He said the image was inspired by a Christmas stocking he discovered in a country craft store. It was made from remnants of an old patchwork quilt.

He said, "I have no idea who made it or owned it, but it looks sort of old timey and that appeals to me. I always wonder how many Christmas

mornings it has seen and what stories it could tell if it were able to talk."

After the painting appeared on the Christmas card, he was "bombarded by requests for a full sized print of the painting," he said.

"I can't begin to tell you how gratifying it is to touch the hearts of so many people during the Christmas season. I decided right then that 'Handmade' would be my fall print release in 1992."

Some of the proceeds from the sale of the prints will benefit victims

of Hurricane Andrew. Essick, a consumer-member of Davidson Electric Membership Corporation, Lexington, has prints reserved for *Carolina Country* readers.

The print, measuring 17 by 22 inches with an image size of 10 3/8 by 15 1/2 inches, is \$85 plus \$12.10 for sales tax, shipping and handling.

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Christmas gifts you don't have to wrap

BY CAROL BESSENT
HAYMAN



Here are a few suggestions:

❄ Gift certificates for special classes, fruit or plants. Folks of all ages enjoy these items and a certificate gives them a chance to exercise some choice. For a spouse or parent, you might pay their tuition for that class or seminar they've always wanted to take. Enclose the registration receipt in an official college envelope along with a note. Put the gift certificate in a special greeting card.

One inspired gift-giver prepared a certificate this way and had it hand-delivered by special messenger!

❄ A home cooked meal. In these days of two working partners in most households, good ol' home cookin' is a rare treat. Invite a couple over for a home cooked meal during the holidays—to give them a break during this busy season. Or schedule the meal for sometime after New Year's Day—when you aren't juggling schedules to accommodate all those holiday social gatherings.

This is also an ideal gift for singles, especially those who eat out most of the time.

In the busy weeks before Christmas, how many times do you wish for gifts that do not have to be wrapped?

It is a time-consuming chore just to get set up for wrapping: You get out the card table, the colored ribbons and paper, the Scotch tape and gift tags. Then, you must round up the gifts, if they've been tucked away in assorted hiding places.

Now you're ready to get started. Wrong! No scissors. Where could they be?

No wonder you're soon wishing you had taken better advantage of the stores' free gift wrapping services while you were out shopping.

Now, a gift-wrapping assistant would come in handy! Anybody got a magic wand!

You do have another alternative: give thoughtful gifts that bring joy even though they need no wrapping at all.

Whether you picnic informally or serve six courses of French cuisine, it's a great chance for sharing a warm gift of food and fellowship.

❄ Meal coupons. Lots of people on your list would enjoy using a coupon book for pizza, burgers, chicken or other food items. If it's a book from a fast food restaurant, don't assume that it's an invitation to disregard the rules of nutrition. Most such chains now offer delicious salads, "light" dishes, diet drinks and special low-calorie or low-fat desserts.

❄ Flowers. Consider a pretty, bright flower arrangement or a potted plant. I love to receive flowers at Christmas, and not just the seasonal poinsettia.

An arrangement of pink carnations with gold or silver ribbon is very special. The florist will write a card with your greeting, add a holiday wrap and deliver. You might also consider

one of the long lasting silk arrangements.

If you're on the road or must do your shopping at night, you can call 1-800-FLOWERS (major credit cards accepted) and be assured of prompt and courteous service. Tell them when to deliver and give a telephone number so they can call to make sure someone will be able to accept delivery.

✳ Stamps. Anyone who spends time away from home—at school or college, on trips or for prolonged convalescence—will welcome this gift. Choose commemoratives or special issues of particular interest to the individual who'll be using them. Or choose them to convey your own wishes for a happy holiday or to express your love.

✳ Snapshots. Since I like to receive these, I send a lot of them to friends and loved ones. They're a wonderful gift, especially for folks we don't get to see regularly. Send them in a letter, a Christmas card or in one of the attractive Yuletide photo-holders. Sharing photographs is like a mini-visit that continues to warm hearts long after the holiday season is past.

✳ Tickets to a special event. A night at a concert or a basketball game might mean more than anything you could wrap, especially when the gift's recipient would be likely to forego the event otherwise. The tickets also represent something to look forward to and something to remember.

✳ Money. This probably has a place on everyone's "wish list" and, with all those bargains at the after-Christmas sales, the cash can go farther than the giver's pre-holiday dollars. But if you're mailing this gift,

send only checks or money orders.

Some people hesitate to give money because they think it might be considered a mercenary offering. Or it might be seen as a quick-fix gift that required no shopping. You can overcome those connotations by placing it in a pretty card—or a funny one. Add a touch of warmth with your own personal message. You could hang it on the tree tied up in a brown paper bag or tucked inside a tiny silk purse with a red velvet ribbon.

✳ An IOU for an out-of-town trip. This can be a "Santa Claus" special for an elderly or non-driving person who has few opportunities to get out, even for a shopping excursion. It can provide a welcome outing during the post-holiday doldrum period—when the January sales are on. A shopping trip also makes a great gift for a mother to give a pre-teen daughter.

✳ Pay someone's electric bill. This may sound unglamorous but such a gift would mean a lot to a friend or relative who's on a fixed income.

✳ Fuel. Gasoline is a "most wanted" item for many people. A gift of a tank of gas could mean someone on your list will get to make a week-

end visit to another town. Don't overlook heating fuel. It's a gift that will literally provide warmth for the recipient long after any Yule log has turned to ashes.

✳ A promissory note for free labor. I can think of dozens of folks in my neighborhood alone who would be delighted with a promise of yard work, car washing, painting or other odd jobs.

✳ An invitation for a visit. Nothing holds greater promise of joy than an invitation to visit a friend or loved one for a weekend. This is a very special gift for a grandchild. Pick a time when exciting or unusual events are taking place in your area and be sure to leave some "quiet time" for talking and sharing.

✳ A donation to charity. Many of the folks who seem to "have everything" would appreciate your thoughtful gift of a donation to their favorite charity—or a contribution in their name to a cause you support. This is a gift that multiplies its joy: it touches you, the "recipient" and the worthwhile charity you select. Churches, libraries, museums and countless other organizations count on this kind of generosity from caring "Christmas Angels."

None of these gifts require wrapping. I'm sure you can think of others as you search for ideas to fit your shopping list. Use your own ingenuity and imagination.

Such gifts may not glitter and shine beneath a Christmas tree, but they brilliantly reflect the tradition of sharing and caring that is the essence of the holiday season.

Carol Besicat Hayman is a freelance writer and the poet laureate of Beaufort.



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HOT CHEESE DIP

Margaret Perry, Youngsille

- 8 ounces (2 cups) mozzarella cheese, shredded
- 8 ounces (2 cups) sharp cheddar cheese, shredded
- 2 cups mayonnaise
- 1 medium onion, minced
- 1 can (4 ounces) green chiles, drained and chopped
- 1½ ounces pepperoni, sliced
- ½ cup ripe olives, sliced

In a shallow baking dish or pie plate, combine all ingredients except pepperoni and olives. Top mixture with pepperoni and olives. Bake at 325 degrees F. for approximately 25 minutes or until bubbly. Serve with crackers or assorted vegetables. (Yield: 36 appetizers)

BARBECUED MEATBALLS

Tammy Poe, Mocksville

Meatballs:

- 1 cup bread crumbs
- ½ cup milk
- 1½-2 lbs. hamburger meat

Mix ingredients. Roll into balls (golfball size). Brown in a skillet over medium heat for 20 minutes.

Sauce:

- ¼ cup sugar
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon pepper
- 2 tablespoons vinegar
- ¾ cup catsup

3 tablespoons Worcestershire-type sauce or soy sauce

Mix all ingredients well. Pour over meatballs and cook an additional 15 minutes.

CRAB SALAD ROLLS

Gertrude Wallace, Bath

- 1 pound crabmeat
- ½ cup celery, finely diced
- ½ cup cucumbers or pickles, finely diced
- ¼ cup green onions, chopped
- ½ cup salad dressing or mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons soft butter
- 4 hot dog rolls

Combine crabmeat with celery, cucumbers, green onions and salad dressing. Chill until ready to serve. Spread butter on outer sides of hot dog rolls. Toast under broiler on both sides until golden brown. Spoon the crabmeat into rolls. Serve while rolls are still warm. (Yield: 4 servings)

OUR CHRISTMAS ROLL

Lena S. Bradshaw, Clinton

- 1 large box vanilla wafers
 - 2 cups white raisins
 - 2 cups dark raisins
 - 1 can condensed milk
 - 4½ cups chopped pecans
 - 2 cups black walnuts
 - 1 box flaked coconut
- Roll vanilla wafers until crushed

fine, and mix wafer crumbs with all other ingredients. Mix well. (A small portion of extra condensed milk might be needed during mixing.) Roll into two long rolls. Wrap and chill. Cut into slices and serve.

BARBECUED PECANS

Clara D. Langdon, Monroe

- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 1 tablespoon catsup
- ¼ cup Worcestershire sauce
- 2 dashes hot sauce
- 4 cups pecan halves
- salt

Melt butter in large saucepan. Add Worcestershire sauce, catsup and hot sauce. Stir in nuts. Spoon into a glass baking dish, spreading evenly. Toast at 400 degrees about 20 minutes, stirring frequently. Turn out on absorbent towels. Sprinkle with salt. (Yield: 25 servings)

HOT APRICOT COCKTAIL

Johnsie Ford, Rockingham

- 3 cups apricot nectar
- ½ cup lemon juice
- ¼ cup packed dark brown sugar
- 2 cinnamon sticks, broken in half
- 1 teaspoon whole cloves

Combine all ingredients in a 1-1/2 quart glass bowl. Set microwave oven at power level 10 for 6 minutes and then power level 4 for 8 minutes. Strain into mugs. (Yield: 4 servings)



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TAPPED AT STATE FAIR**
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A Yadkin County woman and a Haywood County man were recognized at the 125th annual North Carolina State Fair as the state's young farmers of the year for 1992.

The Young Female Farmer of the Year Award went to Arlene Frazier of Route 2, Boonville.

The Young Male Farmer of the Year Award was presented to Tim Smart of Route 3, Clyde.

In a ceremony honoring them, Agriculture Commissioner Jim Graham said the two award recipients are "committed to farming and carrying on agriculture's fine tradition."

Sponsored by the N.C. Farm Bureau Federation and N.C. Department of Agriculture, the awards recognize young women and men who make outstanding contributions to agriculture.

Both award recipients have been farming for 15 years.

Frazier, 33, owns 180 acres and operates a total of 530 acres. Corn, tomatoes, cucumbers and cabbage are grown. She also has 60 cows, 47 calves, 27 heifers and 61 steers.

Smart, also 33, owns 150 acres and operates a total of 400 acres. He grows corn, hay and burley tobacco. He also has 60 beef cattle and 150 dairy cows.

**TWO INDUCTED INTO
LIVESTOCK HALL OF FAME**
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Two men were inducted into the North Carolina State Fair Livestock Hall of Fame during the 1992 fair.

Jim Butler and Kenneth Myatt Jr.,

both of Wake County, were honored for their years of service to the fair's annual livestock events.

At a ceremony, Agriculture Commissioner Jim Graham said, "Jim Butler was well known and well respected for his work with swine production, and Kenneth Myatt was responsible for installing the State Fair's first milking parlor, a big attraction at the fair."

Butler was assistant superintendent of the Junior Beef Show at the fair for eight years. For five years he was assistant superintendent of the swine show.

Butler was also sales manager of Cloverleaf Farms Country Hams and executive secretary of the North Carolina Pork Producers Association.

Butler's interest in pigs began when he became a member of the Lewiston 4-H Club at the age of 11. He graduated from N.C. State University in 1949 and became an extension agent in Perquimans County.

Myatt showed a Jersey calf at the State Fair when he was eight years old and won sixth place. He continued showing dairy cattle at the fair for 26 years, winning many ribbons and honors.

Myatt started his own company, Myatt Sales, and in 1955 went into business with his friend, W.R. Lutz, forming Myatt-Lutz Cattle Sales, Inc. The company sold dairy cattle to 15 states.

Myatt's cattle won the grand championship awards at the State Fair several times.

When he retired from the show ring in 1959, Myatt started the "Myatt Farm Trophy," a silver tray award that's presented each year to the grand champion Jersey at the State Fair.

SOCIAL SECURITY CHECKS GOING UP 3 PERCENT

Social Security recipients in North Carolina and across the country will get bigger checks beginning in January, thanks to the federal program's annual adjustment in the cost-of-living allowance.

The benefits will go up by 3 percent.

The same adjustment will apply to federal retirees, whether they are receiving military service retirement or civil service payments. The increase also affects recipients of Supplemental Security Income, which provides checks for low-income people who are elderly, blind or disabled.

The increase is the smallest in recent years, following boosts of 3.7 percent in 1992 and 5.4 percent in 1991.

GRANGE HONORS FARM LEADERS

The North Carolina State Grange presented its Distinguished Service Award to two farm leaders for their dedication and commitment to the agricultural community.

Norfleet L. Sugg of Pinetops, executive secretary of the N.C. Peanut Growers Association, and Jan Crenshaw of Raleigh, executive director of the N.C. Egg Association, were honored at the Grange's recent annual convention.

Sugg, a former banker, whose career has included leadership roles in three national organizations and eight state organizations, previously served as executive vice president of the North Carolina Agribusiness Council. The N.C. State University graduate is expected to retire from his current post in 1993.

Crenshaw, a Meredith College graduate, is treasurer of the N.C. Farm Writers and Broadcasters Association, vice chairwoman of the N.C. Home Economists in Business, a

member of the Legislative Hot Line for the N.C. Agribusiness Council, and a member of the N.C. Agribusiness Foundation at N.C. State University.

FOUR GET GOVERNOR'S AWARDS FROM AGRIBUSINESS COUNCIL

Four individuals and one company have been honored with distinguished service awards for their outstanding contributions to the agribusiness industry in North Carolina.

The awards were presented at the annual meeting of the North Carolina Agribusiness Council, which attracted about 400 agribusiness leaders from across the state.

The Council's Governor's Awards, presented by former Gov. Robert W. Scott, went to John C. Howard Jr. of Deep Run, for agriculture production; Fernie and Margarette Laughinghouse of Pantego, for service; C. Felix Harvey of Kinston, for supply; and Braswell Milling Co. of Nashville, for processing and marketing.

A. Dano Davis, chairman of Winn-Dixie Stores, who gave the meeting's keynote address, said, "I see the 90's as a time when we as an industry and as a nation must get back to basics. ... We should demand that our government live within its means, and as an industry, it's our responsibility to set an example."

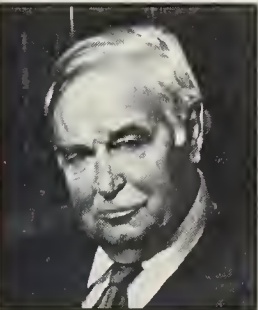
The council elected the following 1993 officers: Charles E. Gregory of Gregory Manufacturing Co., president; William B. Buffaloe of Rhone-Poulenc Ag Co., president-elect; Elton C. Parker Jr. of Deloitte & Touche, secretary; and Charles T. Wood of Southern States Cooperative, treasurer.



At the agribusiness awards ceremony are, from left, council president Jack Milani, service award winners Margarette and Fernie Laughinghouse of Pantego, and former Gov. Robert W. Scott.

**POCOSIN LAKES VISITOR CENTER
HONORS LATE CONGRESSMAN**

The U.S. House of Representatives has saluted the late First District Rep. Walter B. Jones of Farmville for his many years of service in the House.



Walter B. Jones
Jones was recognized in legislation authorizing the "Walter B. Jones Center for the Sounds," a visitor center at Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge.

Until his death in September, Jones served as chairman of the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee, which oversees the National Wildlife Refuge System.

"Chairman Jones was instrumental in gaining support for wildlife refuges from the communities located adjacent to them, and it is entirely fitting that his legacy be remembered this way," said Gerry Studds, acting chairman of the committee.

The Walter B. Jones Center for the Sounds, to be built in Columbia, will provide facilities and resources for the study of natural history in northeastern North Carolina. It will offer environmental education programs and interpretive exhibits, and foster an awareness of wildlife and ecosystems in the area.

The provision for the center was added to H.R. 5486, the Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement Clarification Act, which is intended to extend to Fish and Wildlife Service agents the same kind of statutory authority that has been given to officers of the National Park Police, the Environmental Protection Agency and other federal law enforcement agencies.

CHURCH ESTABLISHES GWYN B. PRICE SCHOLARSHIP

An Ashe County church has established a scholarship in memory of the late Gwyn B. Price, who helped organize rural electric and telephone cooperatives across North Carolina.



Gwyn B. Price

Clifton United Methodist Church set up the scholarship with memorial gifts that were donated in honor of the Ashe County native, who was a member of the church. He died in May at the age of 91.

The church's pastor said gifts of more than \$1,800 have been pledged for the Gwyn B. Price Scholarship, which recognizes Price's role as an educator. Price served for 14 years as principal of Jefferson High School. He was a founding director of Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation, Lenoir, and head of the N.C. Rural Electrification Authority from 1941 to 1972.

Rev. Randy L. Wall said he wanted to "express thanks for all those persons and electric cooperatives who made gifts to Clifton United Methodist Church in memory of Mr. Price." He said the scholarship was established in consultation with the Price family.

The church serves a congregation in the community of Clifton, which is near Price's Warrensville farm.

Wall said, "The church is happy to begin a scholarship fund where monies earned will be used to assist a deserving student in higher education. Gwyn Price was an educator not only in Ashe County but also an educator his entire life through his words and deeds. We believe that this is a great tribute to a great man."

Price is one of the Ashe County leaders who will be honored in the "Hall of Fame" of the new Civic Center in West Jefferson.

Another scholarship was established in Price's name in 1985 to recognize an outstanding participant in the annual Rural Electric Youth Tour, a program sponsored by the electric co-ops.

To make a contribution to the scholarship at Price's church, send checks or money orders to the church treasurer: John Eastridge, Route 2, Box 246, Warrensville, N.C. 28693.

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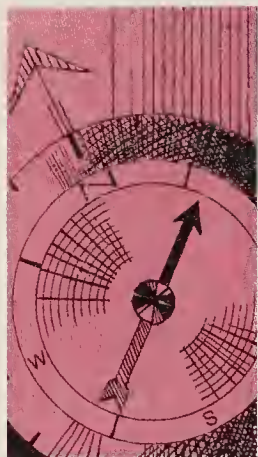
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For more information, write to the National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, Neb. 68130.

LIBRARY EXHIBIT DEPICTS CHAPEL HILL'S FIRST 200 YEARS

A bicentennial photographic exhibit commemorating the University of North Carolina's first 200 years is currently on display at the Wilson Library on the UNC-Chapel Hill campus.

Two centuries of university life are depicted in 40 large photographs, most of which were selected from the 40,000 images in the library's North Carolina collection.

Many of the scenes also appear in the new edition of William S. Powell's book, "The First State University: A Pictorial History," which has just been released by UNC Press.

Some items have never been published or displayed publicly. Early buildings, architectural drawings, athletic teams, anti-war demonstrations and veterans on campus are among the images shown.

The exhibit is sponsored by the North Caroliniana Society and the N.C. Collection. The exhibit may be viewed from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday; from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Saturdays and from 1 to 5 p.m. Sundays. It will remain on view indefinitely.

For more information about the exhibit, call (919) 962-1172.

AGENCY SEEKS NORTH CAROLINA SONGWriters

The N.C. Arts Council is searching for songwriters who are eligible for music fellowships.

The agency's new songwriter/composer fellowship will recognize the work of artists who create music and lyrics as well

as composers of instrumental music.

Fellowships have been offered for some time in two categories: concert/classical (compositions from the symphonic/academic tradition) and jazz (compositional or improvisational work demonstrating or extending the jazz tradition). For 1993, the program has been expanded to include the new category for songs.

The application deadline for all music fellowships is Feb. 1, 1993.

Fellowships are



An Annie Leibovitz photo of Meryl Streep is in the Mint Museum exhibit.

CHARLOTTE EXHIBIT: PHOTOS OF CELEBRITIES

Charlotte's Mint Museum of Art is hosting an exhibit of celebrity portraits by 14 photography masters.

The show, which includes 70 color and black-and-white photos, is sponsored by Silhouette Eyewear.

For more information, write or call the museum at 2730 Randolph Road, Charlotte, N.C. 28207. Phone: (704) 337-2000.

also available in visual arts, literature, playwriting and choreography. For more information, write to Fellowships, N.C. Arts Council, Department of Cultural Resources, Raleigh, N.C. 27601-2807.

CHRISTMAS WITH THE GUILD EXHIBIT TO CLOSE DEC. 31

The Southern Highland Handicraft Guild will sponsor a holiday season exhibit, "Christmas With the Guild," Dec. 6 to 31. It will feature musicians, storytellers, a doll exhibit, Christmas music and a wreath competition.

For more information, contact the Allanstand Craft Shop at the

Folk Art Center, Blue Ridge Parkway, Milepost 382, Asheville, N.C. Phone: (704) 298-7928.

CIVIL WAR SKETCHES AT MUSEUM IN ELIZABETH CITY

Sketches of Civil War era scenes in North Carolina will be on exhibit at the Museum of the Albemarle in Elizabeth City through May 30.

The 59 sketches are the work of Edwin Champney, who was with the Fifth Massachusetts Volunteer Regiment. They include numerous drawings of soldiers, and rarely seen views of the Outer Banks, including a windmill, the original Hatteras Light-house and a room in the lightkeeper's

house. The sketches are on loan from the Outer Banks History Center in Manteo.

The exhibit also features some Civil War artifacts from the museum's collection. One of these items is a wooden leg carved by a soldier from Pasquotank County who lost his leg at the Battle of Gettysburg.

For more information about the exhibit, write or call the museum at 1116 U.S. Hwy. 17 South, Elizabeth City, N.C. 27909-9806. Phone: (919) 335-1453.

IDEAS OFFERED FOR SCIENCE FAIR ENERGY PROJECTS

Students who are seeking ideas for science fair entries can get



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Ski It to Believe It is a special one-day program offering basic instruction on skiing techniques. The course's \$18 fee includes a one-hour ski lesson, rental of skis, boots and poles, and an all-day ski ticket.

The program is offered Thanksgiving through Dec. 19 by the French-Swiss Ski College at Appalachian Ski Mountain in Blowing Rock.

Call (800) 322-2373 for more details. Pre-registration is required.

help with energy-related projects from the North Carolina Alternative Energy Cooperation (AEC).

To encourage students to explore energy themes, the corporation is awarding \$25 and a special plaque to one energy project in each division (elementary, junior, and senior) at each 1993 spring regional fair. Each winning student's sponsoring teacher will also win an award.

Judges look for originality, clear and attractive communication of results, completeness and demonstration of student understanding.

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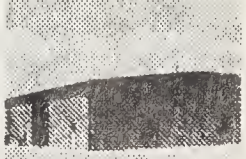
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CALENDAR INCLUDES HISTORIC PHOTOS



A calendar featuring documentary photographs from the history of Northeastern North Carolina is being offered by the Museum of the Albemarle in Elizabeth City as a fund-raising project.

The "Marking Time" 1993 calendar includes photos from 10 counties in the region and significant dates in the history of those counties.

The large format calendar is available for \$6 plus \$1.75 for postage and handling. All proceeds from the project will directly benefit the museum and its ongoing programs.

For more information, write to the Museum of the Albemarle, "Marking Time" 1993, 1116 U.S. Hwy. 17 South, Elizabeth City, N.C. 27909-9806. Phone: (919) 335-1453.

HANK'S GARDENING GUIDE

BY HANK SMITH



IDEAS FOR THE DORMANT SEASON.

Outdoor activities that keep gardeners busy in this season include planting balled-and-burlapped and bare-root trees and shrubs of all kinds. Setting out deciduous plants early in the dormant season will help assure better growth next spring.

Unless you must move them, it's best not to disturb the roots of plants growing in the yard.

TRANSPLANTING LARGE TREES

Winter usually is an ideal time to transplant large trees. These trees now are dormant, and may be handled with a ball of soil.

When set out in their permanent location, they should be staked or protected from whipping by the winds through the

use of guy wires. Be certain to wrap trunks of all hardwood trees, including oaks, sugar maples and sycamores.

The ground should be thoroughly soaked with water. After watering, mulch with straw or pine needles.

WINTER INSECT ATTACK

Now that leaves have fallen, the spraying of deciduous trees may be undertaken. Use a winter-strength dormant oil. One application should kill overwintering insects that may be infesting plants.

Although dormant spraying may be delayed until later, weather conditions often are more agreeable for the task at this time rather than later in the winter.



ROSES ARE IN AMPLE SUPPLY

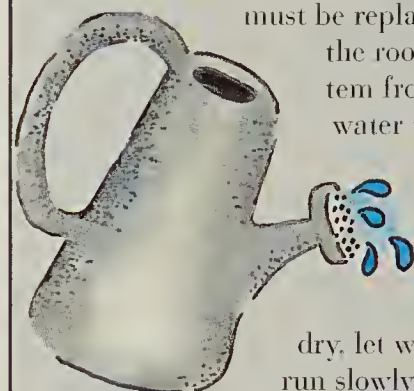
A wide selection of roses should be available in ample quantities at garden centers. For best results, select only No. 1 grade plants. They're worth the extra money.

Plant roses in a bed located away from trees and shrubs, in a well drained area.

WINTER WATERING

Sometimes we forget that evergreens can suffer from a lack of moisture during cold weather. It's wise to check all evergreens to be sure they are not in need of moisture in the soil.

Flowering camellias need a lot of water; otherwise flower buds may fall to the ground before they open. Broadleaf evergreens subjected to blowing winds will lose a high percentage of moisture through their foliage. This moisture



must be replaced by the root system from water within the soil. If soil is

dry, let water run slowly until the area around the

root zone is thoroughly moistened. Apply water when temperatures are above freezing.

Where water is easily available, soak the ground for at least three hours each week until there is ample rainfall. If trees and shrubs are planted a distance from available water, two or three gallons once a week will be beneficial until rains

HOUSEPLANTS CAN STARVE

Even when they are given ample fertilizer, houseplants can starve. Like all plants, they must have light to manufacture food from fertilizer. Light, not fertilizer, is the limiting factor for most plants. In fact, it is quite common for potted indoor plants to be over-fed during the winter months.

At this time of year, houseplants often need addi-

tional light. You can help the plants make the best of the light they receive by keeping the leaves clean. Wash them with water if necessary. Hairy leaves such as African violets should be brushed with a soft brush rather than washed with water.

Clean foliage looks more attractive and the leaves are better able to manufacture food when they are clean.



LOOK AHEAD TO '93

1. Now's a good time for soil tests.
2. Apply lime to lawn grasses if needed.
3. If you have spring-flowering bulbs as yet unplanted, get them in the ground immediately. They need time to form roots before heavy freezes arrive.
4. Prune grapevines and fruit trees between now and late February.
5. Move living Christmas tree from indoors to its outdoor location immediately after Christmas Day.
6. Plant new trees and shrubs needed in the landscape picture.
7. Work organic matter (peat, leaves, compost) into garden soil.
8. Clean up and burn all twigs and litter under pecan trees. This helps prevent damage from twig girders during growing season.
9. Check houseplants for insects.
10. Water poinsettias daily. Keep plants away from heat sources such as stoves, vents and lighted fireplaces.
11. Study the overall landscape of your grounds; then begin planning improvements to be undertaken next year.
12. Evaluate the vegetable garden. Has your family grown in number or appetite for vegetables? If so, you might want to expand your garden space to produce more vegetables.
13. Or, has your family shrunk in size? If so, it might be time to reduce the size of your vegetable garden.
14. Spend some time studying seed catalogs to help in planning your flower and vegetable gardens for next spring and summer.
15. Check euonymus and camellias for scale. This damaging insect appears as small brown or white flecks on the leaves. If present, spray with dormant oil every two weeks.
16. Make detailed and firm plans to have a Happy New Year with many pleasant hours in the garden.

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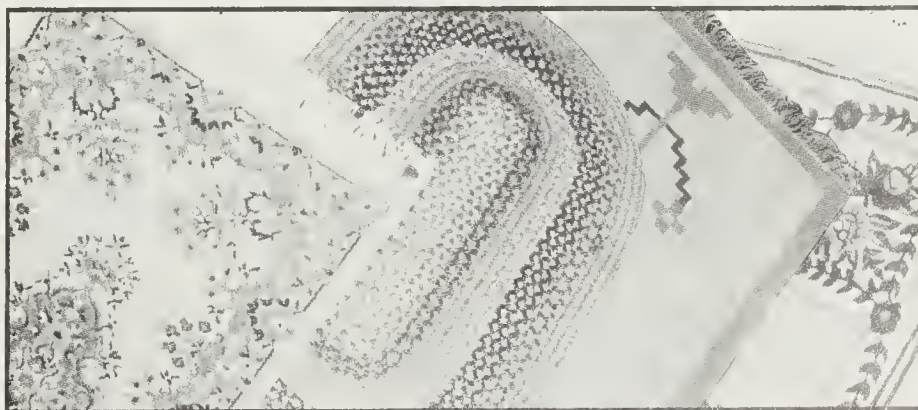


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Favorite recipes from McDowell County church

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The book, "Cookin' At Concord," contains old-fashioned, mouth-watering recipes handed down for generations among the church congregation, according to one of the members, Shirley Allcorn.

She said many of the recipes were selected because of requests from members. They are for dishes that have proven to be popular at the church's covered dish dinners. Two of these recipes are featured here.

The book also contains a special section for diabetics, and about 30 pages of useful household hints and cooking tips.

To order a cookbook, mail a check or money order to Shirley Allcorn, Route 3, Box 338, Marion, N.C. 28752. The cost is \$5 plus \$2.50 for shipping and handling.

CABBAGE CASSEROLE

by Jennie Thompson

- 1 stick margarine, melted
- 1½ cup crushed corn flakes
- 3-4 cups cabbage (grated)
- 1 can sliced water chestnuts
- 1 can cream of celery soup
- ½ cup mayonnaise

¼ cup milk
1 cup cheddar cheese
Layer half the corn flakes, all of the cabbage and water chestnuts. Add salt and pepper to taste. Mix mayonnaise, milk and soup together and pour over the cabbage. Top with cheddar cheese, margarine and the rest of the corn flakes. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour.

DECADENT FUDGE CAKE

by Shirley Haurick

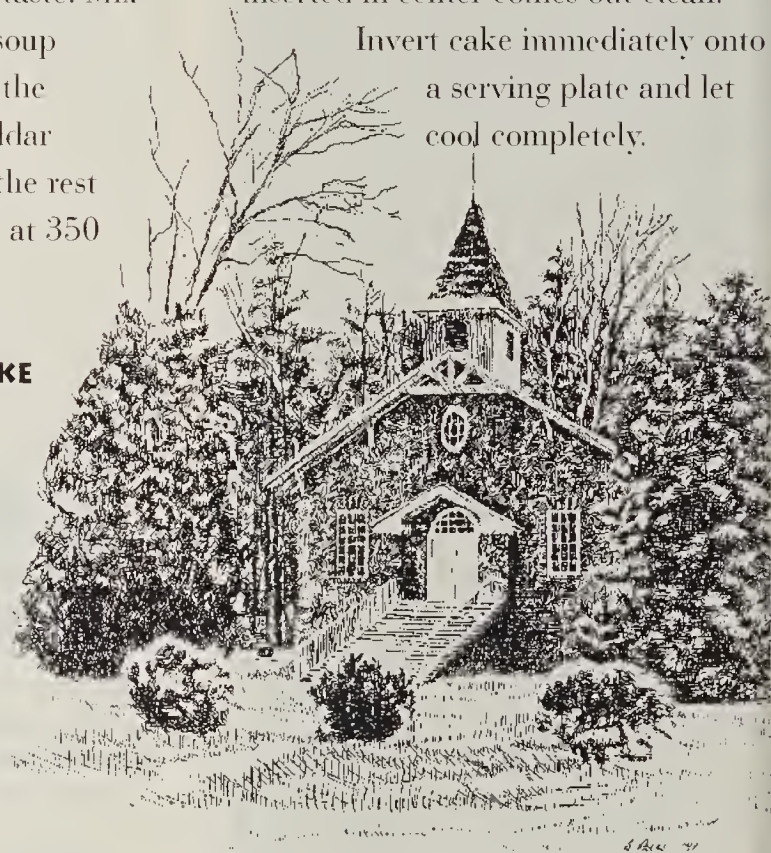
- 1 cup butter or margarine, softened
- 1½ cups sugar
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup buttermilk
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- 2½ cups all purpose flour
- 2 (4-ounce) bars sweet baking chocolate, melted and cooled
- 1 cup chocolate syrup
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1½ cups semi-sweet chocolate mini-morsels, divided
- 4 ounces white chocolate, chopped
- 2 tablespoons plus 2 teaspoons shortening, divided
- Chocolate and white chocolate leaves (optional)
- Cream butter in a large mixing bowl, gradually add sugar, beating

well at medium speed of an electric mixer. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition.

Combine buttermilk and soda, stirring well. Add to creamed mixture alternately with flour, beginning and ending with flour. Add 2 bars melted chocolate, chocolate syrup, and vanilla. Mix well. Stir in 1 cup mini-morsels.

Pour batter into a heavily greased and floured 10-inch Bundt pan. Bake at 300 degrees for 1 hour and 20 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean.

Invert cake immediately onto a serving plate and let cool completely.



Concord United Methodist Church

Combine 4 ounces white chocolate and 2 tablespoons shortening in top of a double boiler; bring water to a boil. Reduce heat to low; cook until melted and smooth. Melt remaining ½ cup mini-morsels and 2 teaspoons shortening in a small saucepan over low heat, stirring until smooth. Remove from heat and let cool; drizzle over white chocolate. Garnish with chocolate and white chocolate leaves, if desired.

Yield: one 10-inch cake.

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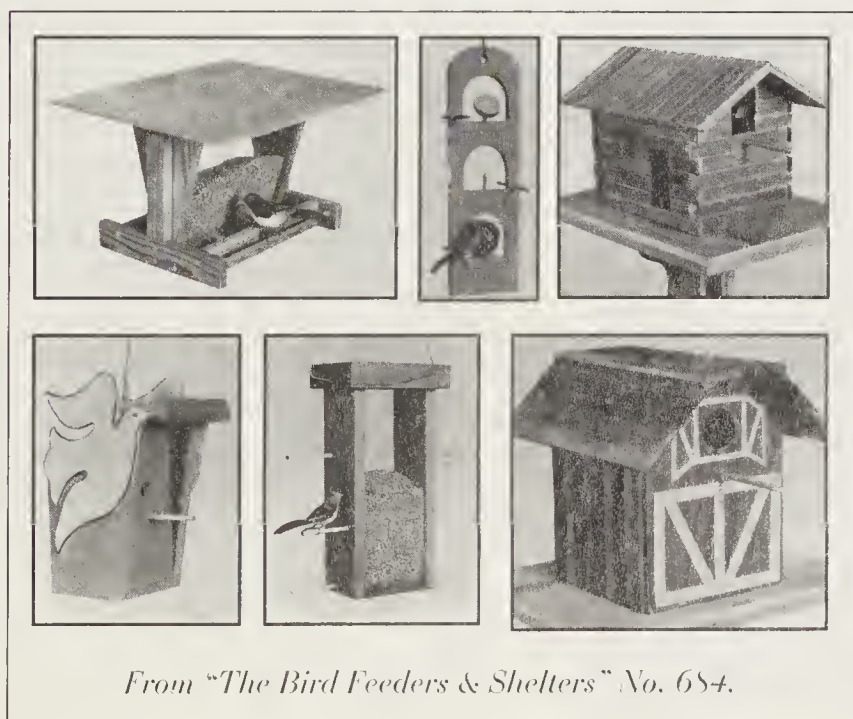
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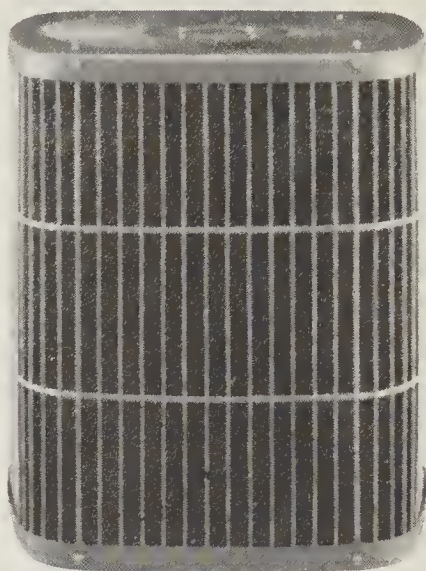
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"EMYL JENKINS' SOUTHERN CHRISTMAS"

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*Emyl Jenkins. Crown Publishers, Inc.,
1992, New York. 192 pages, hard-
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This beautiful book is all about reminiscences—personal, historical and decorative. And it's all about Yuletide celebrations in our region from prehistory to the present.

The hefty volume, with a foreword by newsman Charles Kuralt, provides details of the uniquely southern Christmas celebrations from Norfolk to Natchez and beyond.

It is obvious that Ms. Jenkins, a nationally-recognized antiques expert, lecturer and author, regards Christmas as a special, magical time.

It's "a time to pause," she says, to be with family and friends, and to continue cherished traditions handed down from generations before.

Unabashedly sentimental, she includes many personal accounts and references while also covering all aspects of the Christmas season from its history to decorations to sentiment.

Well-known Raleigh photographer Chip Henderson provided the more than 250 appealing color photos to illustrate the season's enchantment for children and grown-ups alike.

Ms. Jenkins, who recently moved from Raleigh to Danville, Va., insists that southern Christmases are different, that southern customs sprang more from English and Scottish roots than from New England's puritanism, which forbade any observance of the holiday, and thus delayed full blown development of Yuletide gaiety.

In examining holiday customs, the author reaches back to pagan celebrations. The tie to Christianity

comes from a legend about a cherry tree which bowed down to give shade and fruit to a weary and hungry Virgin Mary. And she includes Santa and gifts and the hanging of stockings "on the chimney with care."

Other chapters describe Christmas trees of all kinds, the origin of the custom of Christmas fireworks and the long-ago mummers. The chapter on Christmas dinners, parties and weddings includes ideas the reader can use to begin holiday traditions.

One admonition: Ms. Jenkins insists that a southern pedigree is not required to enjoy a southern Christmas. She says this charming version of Southern hospitality is open to any and all!

—Peggy Howe

"LIGHT ON THE HILL: A HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL"

.....
*William D. Snider. UNC Press,
Chapel Hill. 370 pages, hardcover,
\$24.95.*

It's no easy task recounting the history of the nation's oldest state-supported university from its founding in 1789 to the appointment of Paul Hardin as chancellor in 1988. Yet Bill Snider, retired editor of the Greensboro News-Record and a UNC alumnus, has handled it in admirable fashion in this volume.

In the book's 19 chapters, Snider details the struggles and achievements of a succession of UNC presidents, including Joseph Caldwell, David Swain, Francis Venable, Frank Graham and William Friday. They never forgot its essential purpose as spelled out in the university motto: "Lux at Libertas" ("Light and Liberty").

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About two-thirds of the book is devoted to the events and controversies since 1900, with major attention given to the administrations of presidents Frank Porter Graham, Gordon Gray and William Friday.

One of the most interesting chapters focuses on Graham, a "Champion of the Underdog." Elected president in 1930 at the age of 43, Graham was a UNC graduate whose cousin Edward Kidder Graham had served as president of the university during World War I. Frank Porter Graham's idealism and sincerity impressed friends and foes alike.

Snider offers a fascinating account of the defeat of Graham's proposal to regulate intercollegiate sports.

More than 40 black-and-white illustrations enhance the volume. Among these are photos of Cornelia Phillips Spencer, Archibald Henderson, Frank Porter Graham and as well as campus landmarks.

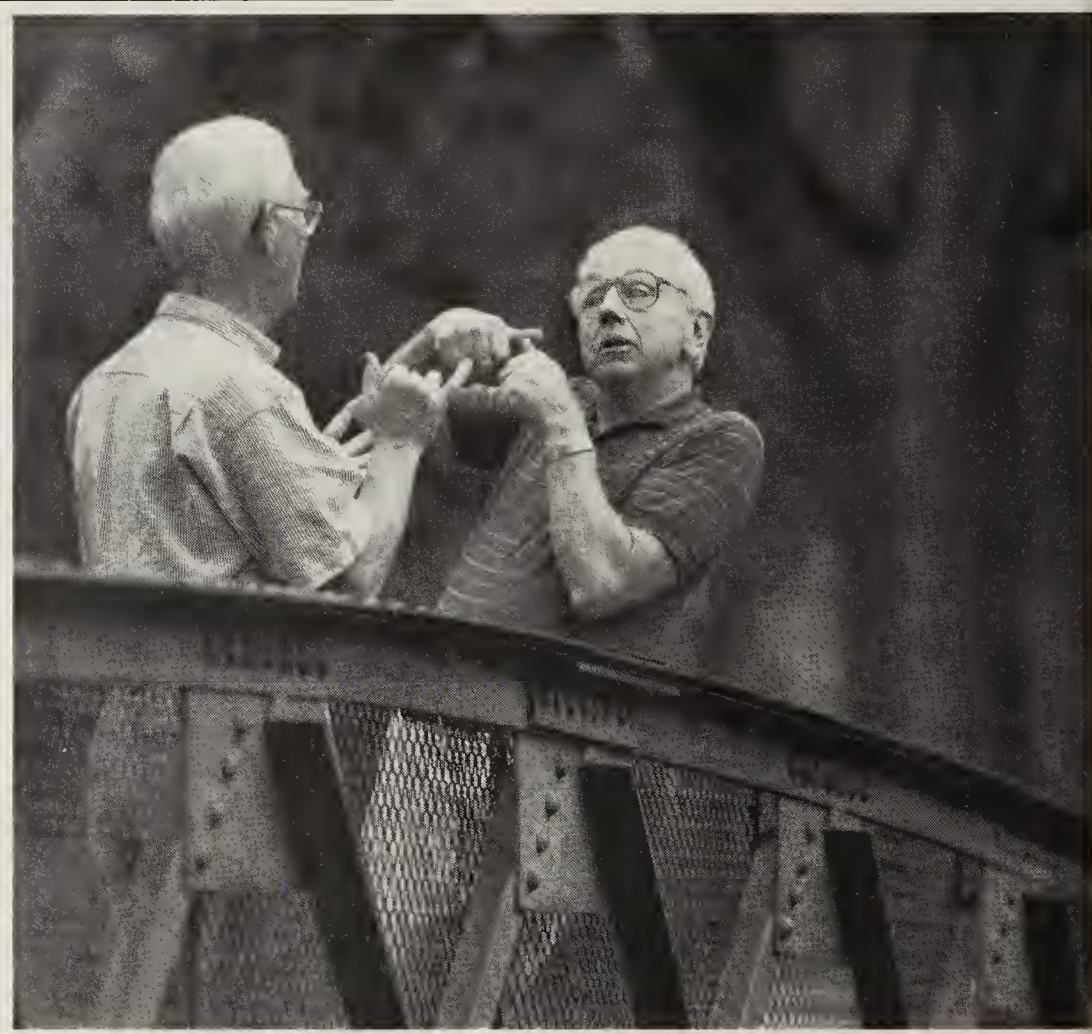
Snider asserts, "For many Carolina students the great buildings under the trees had a mysterious and magical quality; here were the doorways to an intriguing new world."

In the final chapter, entitled "A Magic Gulf Stream," Snider notes that "the twin dangers of bigness (enrollment was more than 23,000 in 1991) and affluence" may be jeopardizing the light and liberty on the Chapel Hill campus. To counteract these trends, he suggests, the institution must move into its third century to "address the manifold problems in the South's own backyard." After all, as Snider observes, a sense of service to state and region has given Chapel Hill its special distinction.

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Retired editor dies at 72

James A. "Jim" Chaney, who served for eight years as editor of the publication now known as *Carolina Country*, died Oct. 13 in Raleigh. He was 72.

Chaney was a familiar and respected newspaperman in the state capital from 1942 into the 1960s. He was known as a persistent investigator, an accurate reporter and a creative editor.

The Baltimore native joined the staff of Tarheel Electric Membership Association, now Carolina Electric Cooperatives, as editor of the monthly magazine in 1967. The publication was then called *The Carolina Farmer*. He also had the title of director of public information and advertising.

He was instrumental in chartering the EMC Employees' Credit Union, which now serves employees of the electric and telephone co-ops in North Carolina and three other states.

Chaney completed a degree at the University of Virginia in 1941 and came to Raleigh in 1942 as a United Press correspondent.

Rejected for military service because he lost an eye in a childhood accident, he persuaded the U.S. Army Air Force to accept him as a combat correspondent during World War II. He was awarded a Bronze Star for his work in helping to supply troops during the Battle of the Bulge in the winter of 1944-45. At one point he

was the only reporter covering that battle, shuttling between Belgium and Britain, according to colleagues.

After the war, he became a reporter for the Raleigh News and Observer.

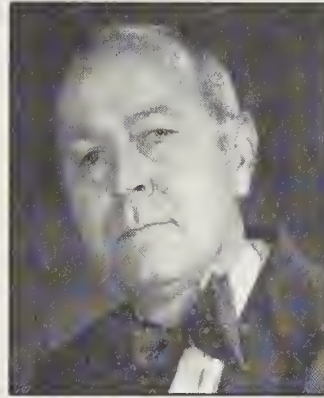
Sam Ragan, then the newspaper's executive editor, said, "Jim was one of the best reporters I ever worked with, and we're talking about my 50 years of news experience."

Ragan attributed many reforms in state public utility regulations to Chaney's investigative reporting. Chaney covered state agencies and the state Supreme Court with dedicated energy, Ragan said.

Chaney served as Sunday editor and book editor of the Raleigh newspaper before he joined the electric co-ops' statewide organization.

J.C. Brown, who had served as editor of the organization's magazine, was named executive manager of Tarheel Electric Membership Association and later hired Chaney to serve as editor.

"Jim Chaney was one of the most perceptive writers and reporters I ever knew," Brown said. "He never sought recognition for himself, but was generous in giving credit to others. A



Jim Chaney

number of us made 'Tar Heel of the Week' in the News and Observer, and the Southern edition of Who's Who and we can credit that to Jim. We didn't know he was working on it."

Brown has been with the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association since 1973.

During his tenure at the magazine, Chaney oversaw the introduction of the name *Carolina Country* and publication of two related books.

He helped charter the EMC Employees Credit Union in 1969 and served as its manager until 1975.

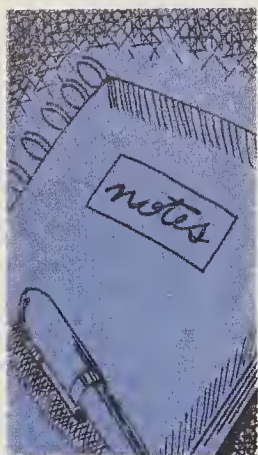
Ann S. Curren, Zebulon district manager of Wake Electric Membership Corporation, Wake Forest, another of the credit union's founders, remembers Chaney as "a man of very high integrity."

She said, "Even with his physical handicaps, he had all kinds of energy and enthusiasm. He was very concerned about the employees of the co-ops around the state."

Chaney died of complications following surgery to repair a broken hip.

Survivors include his wife, the former Janie Husketh of Kittrell; a daughter, Catherine Chaney Carlton of Westlake Village, Calif.; two granddaughters; four sisters; and a brother. His son, James A. Chaney Jr., died in February.

Memorial gifts are being made to Christ Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 25778, Raleigh, N.C. 27611 and the scholarship fund for the medical school at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Make checks to the scholarship fund payable to the Medical Foundation Inc., noting that the money is given in memory of James A. Chaney. Mail to the foundation at 880 Airport Road, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514.



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JIM CHANEY: A KIND AND GENEROUS MENTOR

When Jim Chaney offered me a job with this magazine 19 years ago, neither of us had any idea that he would be grooming me to succeed him as editor less than two years later.

I signed on as associate editor and advertising manager of *Carolina Country* but the job also entailed helping Jim with other projects for the statewide organization of electric cooperatives. We worked together until poor health forced him to retire in 1975.

The memories of my time as Jim's understudy were stirred as I joined his family and others in mourning his death Oct. 13. (See obituary, page 29, for details.) He had

overcome numerous health problems but he couldn't rise above the complications that resulted from surgery to repair a broken hip.

He and I had quickly found an easy rapport when we met in October 1973 to talk about the opening on his staff. When I walked into Jim's cluttered office, he immediately put me at ease. As former newspapermen, we shared a common interest that soon had us trading newsroom "war stories."

Then, he had me to take his chair and "knock out" a brief news story on his typewriter. I'd been set up for a test—and I didn't even mind!

Jim proved to be a kind and generous supervisor who gradually expanded the staff's role in the opera-

tion of the magazine as he concentrated on other affairs. But he still drew on his reporter's instincts in choosing stories that would appeal to the magazine's audience.

He'd followed those instincts for 30 years as a wire service reporter, as a combat correspondent in World War II and as a stalwart writer/editor for the Raleigh News and Observer.

Sam Ragan, who was the N&O's executive editor during most of Jim's tenure, called him "one of the best

reporters I ever worked with, and we're talking about my 50 years of news experience."

Ragan, who is now publisher of The Pilot in Southern Pines, remembered that he "turned Jim loose on the dog tracks" during the late 1940s and early

1950s, when racetrack gambling was legal in Currituck and Carteret counties. Jim soon traced racetrack corruption to out-of-state crime syndicates, and his stories helped spark a successful effort to outlaw dogtrack betting.

Jim's investigative reporting also helped bring many reforms in the state's regulations governing utilities. He later served as the newspaper's Sunday editor and book editor.

"Physically, he had about everything wrong with him a man could have," Ragan said. "He had only one eye, half a stomach, curvature of the spine. But nothing kept him from getting to the front lines."

His ailments eventually forced him to leave the N&O but he bounced

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But nothing kept
him from getting to
the front lines."*

—Sam Ragan

back, and joined the co-op organization to edit its magazine and oversee media relations and advertising.

When I joined his staff, Jim was heavily involved in overseeing the credit union for co-op employees. He'd helped launch it in 1969.

The credit union and the magazine were part of a long list of causes he held dear. Yet he always put his family first.

He was a devoted husband and father, who wrote touching magazine pieces about a mythical family. No names were used but his wife, Janie, and his two children, Jimmy and Catherine, became familiar characters in these verbal snapshots: a visit to grandmother's house, coping with childhood diseases, sharing the joys of the Christmas season. They offered revealing glimpses of his warmth and tenderness.

That's the Jim Chaney I wanted to recall for you here. So, I turned to his words, seeking a single piece I might use to convey this dimension of the man. I knew I'd found it when I came across the prayer that is reprinted here. It appeared as a salute to Father's Day, with this introduction: "In the happy home, Father's Day is every day. And the father who has children who make it so can give thanks. For he is truly blessed."

A Father's Prayer

Father, I thank you that I have become a father, too.

Help me to remember that I, too, was once a child.

Give me patience: That I may give my sons and daughters time to learn for themselves, as all children must, what cannot be put off for later.

Give me forbearance: That I may always find the time to tell them what it is I must say. And let me always tell them out of love.

Give me understanding: That I may know something of what my children nurse within their hearts. And let my heart be full for them.

Give me restraint: That I may never let anger dictate how I act and speak to them. But neither let me vacillate or fail to say what should be said.

Give me judgment: That I may judge wisely their acts and actions—both what they have done and what they have not done—and measure their doings by the same scale as my own.



Give me insight: That I may see not only their faults but also their strengths. Yet let me learn not to see things that will correct themselves.

Give me humor: That I may laugh with them and know they should sometimes laugh at me.

Give me sympathy, and compassion, too: That I may share their sorrows and, in sharing, help them learn to accept what must be.

Help me ever to provide well for them. Yet help them to know that all they want may not be theirs to have.

Instill within me a sense of values such that I may help them wisely build their own.

Give me humility along with strength that they shall have these, too.

And help me, Father, in my faith to You to be as a child such as was your Son, that I may guide my children in His footsteps and walk in them myself.

—Jim Chaney

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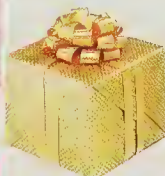
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